On Wednesday, June 9, 2010, the Information Policy, Census and National Archives Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "Strengthening the National Historical Publications and Records Commission." The hearing will review the success of the Commission's grant programs over the last 45 years; examine the major changes to archives, records and historical research since the current authorized funding level was set in 1988; and discuss expanding the funding and scope of its grants programs in order to bring the Commission in line with current and future needs.

The hearing will take place at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

To watch a webcast of the hearing, click here.

The witnesses scheduled to testify include:

Panel I

The Honorable John B. Larson Member, U.S. House of Representatives Member, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

The Honorable David S. Ferriero Archivist of the United States Chairman, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Ms. Kathleen M. Williams
Executive Director, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
United States National Archives and Records Administration

Panel II

Mr. Michael R. Beschloss Presidential Historian Vice President, Board of Directors, Foundation for the National Archives

Dr. Steven Hahn Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of History University of Pennsylvania

Ms. Karen Jefferson Head of Archives and Special Collections Atlanta University Center

Dr. Ira Berlin Distinguished University Professor University of Maryland Representing the American Historical Association

Dr. Pete Daniel Curator, National Museum of American History (Retired) Representing the Organization of American Historians

Panel III

Dr. Peter Gottlieb State Archivist of Wisconsin Representing the Society of American Archivists

Ms. Barbara Franco Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Representing the American Association of State and Local History

Ms. Barbara Teague

Kentucky State Archivist and Records Administrator Representing the Council of State Archivists

Ms. Kaye Lanning Minchew Director of Archives, Troup County, Georgia Representing the National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators

Ms. Susan Holbrook Perdue
Director, Documents Compass
Virginia Foundation for the Humanities
Representing the Association for Documentary Editing

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